

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2004-38-T - ORDER NO. 2004-306  
JUNE 22, 2004

IN RE: Application of Charles G. Marion, Jr. d/b/a        ) ORDER APPROVING  
BC Movers & Storage, Post Office Box 1528,        ) RATE INCREASE  
Lexington, SC 29071 for a Rate Increase.        )

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the request of Charles G. Marion, Jr. d/b/a BC Movers & Storage (“BC Movers” or the “Company”) for a rate increase in certain of its rates and charges.

BC Movers was granted a Class E Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity by Order No. 96-458, dated July 10, 1996, in Docket No. 96-050-T, to transport household goods between points and places in South Carolina, excluding Sumter, Oconee, Anderson, Greenville, Spartanburg, Cherokee, York, Union, Chester, Laurens, and Pickens Counties.

Presently, BC Movers has a tariff on file with and approved by this Commission. By its request filed February 3, 2004, BC Movers seeks approval of changes to the Company’s tariff by an increase in certain rates and charges. BC Movers states that due to the costs of fuel, maintenance, and insurance for trucks and the cost of labor, the Company necessitates a rate increase. The current rate structure for BC Movers, which has remained unchanged since 1998, is as follows: Van and Two Men - \$69.00 and Van

and Three Men - \$85.00. BC Movers proposes the following increases to the stated rates:

Van and Two Men - \$74.00, and Van and Three Men - \$88.00.

The Commission's Transportation Department conducted a rate increase audit on BC Movers' proposal. The audit reveals that the rates proposed by BC Movers would result in an increase of 7.25% for the rate for a van and two men and a 3.53% increase for a van and three men. However, the proposed rates remain lower than the South Carolina Tariff Bureau's rates. Additionally, according to the audit results, if the proposed rates are approved, the Company's operating ratio will decrease from 97.74% to 92.74%.

Upon examination of the proposed rates, the Commission finds the requested increases just and reasonable. The proposed increases produce increased revenues which result in a decrease in BC Movers' operating ratio. Further, the Commission notes that the rates involved are slightly lower than corresponding rates of the South Carolina Tariff Bureau. Therefore, the Commission approves the proposed rates as filed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The proposed rates as filed by Charles G. Marion, Jr. d/b/a BC Movers & Storage are hereby approved.

2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

/s/  
Mignon L. Clyburn, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/  
Bruce F. Duke, Executive Director

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